

HOUSE No. 1442

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Bradley H. Jones, Jr.

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to the alleviation of costs incurred while housing prisoners in the Commonwealth. .

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Viriato Manuel deMacedo	1st Plymouth
Bradley H. Jones, Jr.	20th Middlesex
George N. Peterson, Jr.	9th Worcester
Elizabeth Poirier	14th Bristol
Paul K. Frost	7th Worcester
Susan Williams Gifford	2nd Plymouth
Bradford R. Hill	4th Essex
Richard J. Ross	9th Norfolk
Todd M. Smola	1st Hampden
Robert S. Hargraves	1st Middlesex

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1496 OF 2007-2008.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE ALLEVIATION OF COSTS INCURRED WHILE HOUSING PRISONERS IN THE COMMONWEALTH. .

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority
of the same, as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 1 of chapter 124 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official
2 Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following new subsection:—
- 3 (v) adopt policies and procedures, in consultation with the county sheriffs, establishing an
4 optional fee, of a maximum of \$5, to be paid by inmates for daily room and board at any county
5 or state correctional facility. Based on an inmate's ability to pay, the commissioner or a county
6 sheriff may charge each inmate a reasonable daily room and board fee on a sliding scale. The
7 commissioner of corrections may deduct such fee from the inmate's account as provided for in
8 section 48A of chapter 127. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions, room and board shall not
9 be denied if the inmate is incapable of paying the daily room and board fee.